

SENDS MESSAGE TO OLD SOLDIERS

President Taft Wishes for Them Pleasant and Successful Reunion.

LITTLE ROCK FILLS UP

Yesterday 20,000 Persons Arrived in City for Annual Meeting.

Little Rock, Ark., May 15.—With the arrival of 20,000 persons in Little Rock to-day, a session of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association this afternoon and a meeting of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans to-night, the twenty-first annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans only awaits to-morrow morning to be in full swing. Three thousand and five hundred veterans are quartered at night at Camp Shaver as guests of the city, and hundreds more are expected to-morrow to fill the seven thousand tents which have been provided for them.

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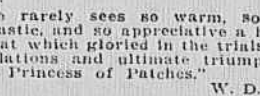
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PLENARY POWERS TO SIGN TREATIES

Outcome of Congress of Nations Awaited With Much Concern.

Washington, May 15.—With the duly accredited representatives of thirty-four nations in attendance, the fourth congress of revision of the Conference of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property convened in preliminary session this morning at the New Willard, with the chairman of the delegation of the United States, Edward Bruce Moore, commissioner of patents, presiding.

The first formal session will be held to-morrow afternoon, when addresses of welcome will be made by Secretary of State Knox, Secretary of the Interior Fisher and Commissioner of Patents Moore, after which Charles H. Towne, former ambassador to Germany, will assume the chair as permanent president. The deliberations of the conference will be conducted in the French language.

Power of the Delegates.

The conference, which is expected to continue about six weeks, is not merely a gathering of the discussion of problems concerning patents and trademarks, but will have plenary powers from their respective governments authorizing them to negotiate and sign treaties. The countries represented were given two years' notice of the meeting, and many important propositions have been prepared for submission by the United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the International Bureau at Bern.

The outcome of the deliberations of this international conference, which will be the largest ever held to take action on the propositions advanced by the various nations relating to the treaty of Paris, is awaited with much interest by manufacturers, exporters and owners of trade marks used in international commerce.

Will Deliberate in Secret.

Results of the agreements reached at the formal sessions of the conference, all of which will be secret, will not be made known until they have been ratified by the governments concerned. Various entertainments for the delegates will be arranged by the State Department, and a banquet will be held near the close of the sessions.

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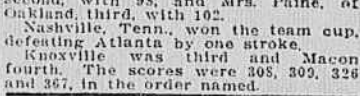
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order forbidding the taking out of the city of any foodstuffs, despite the appeals of many surrounding mining camps. About 200 people, including the 700 or 800 American residents, used up all their reserve supplies, thinking peace was in prospect. Many Americans have appealed to Consul Marlon Leitch for protection in case of attack. More fortifications are being hurriedly built. The cathedral and all the outlying houses are well fortified and trenches have been built across streets that lead to the heart of the town.

Word that the war was to be continued caused keen disappointment, especially among the poor, who already seemed to have reached the limit of endurance. Beggars line the streets. Hunger drives some to the extreme of entering restaurants and grabbing food from tables.

City Is Surrendered.

Mexico City, May 15.—Following one of the most premeditated demands made for the surrender of a city since the beginning of the revolution, Pachaca, 40,000 population, Hidalgo, sixty miles northeast of Mexico City, is to-night in the hands of the rebels. Almost at the same time the rebel possession of Hidalgo, the second city in the state, and near Pachuca. This gave them control of the state.

"Colonel" Castrejon, a rebel leader, operating under the direction of General Placeron, this morning informed the governor of Hidalgo, Pedro L. Rodriguez, that he would attack the place this afternoon unless he surrendered his office during the day. At 7 o'clock he made good his threat. He released the prisoners, burned the jail, the government palace and all other government buildings. Except for the telegraph office, the city was in the hands of the rebels. The rebels had no intention of attacking the city from the surrounding hills and have no plan to overthrow the government buildings. Not a shot was fired by the rebels and regular troops.

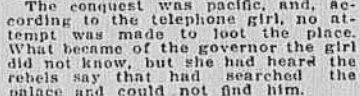
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PARTY FACTIONS STILL FAR APART

Republicans Again Fail to Elect President Pro Tempore of Senate.

Washington, May 15.—Two ineffectual ballots for the election of a President pro tempore were taken in the Senate to-day, without availing of breaking the deadlock, leaders on both sides abandoned further attempts for the day and the joint resolution for election of United States Senators by direct popular vote was taken up.

Both ballots to-day were identical, resulting in Gallinger and Lodge 33 each; Clapp, 17; Bristow, Lodge and Tillman, 1 each.

Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House undertook to-day the task of drafting a bill revising the revenue schedule. The committee debated the situation for three hours without attempting to reach a decision as to whether the bill shall place raw wool on the free list or reduce the tariff 50 per cent. or more.

The paramount issue in revising the schedule is revenue. To put raw wool on the free list would cut off at once \$21,000,000 in revenue, while the entire wool schedule brings a revenue of more than \$40,000,000.

But cutting the duty on raw wool to 5 or 6 cents a pound, and making provision for a sliding scale, would annually of 1 cent, some Democrats figure that the importations would increase sufficiently when added to increased importations in manufactured wool due to a 50 per cent. reduction in the government exchange.

It is probable that in ten days the tentative bill will be submitted to the Democratic caucus for debate and decision.

Senator Works, of California, will introduce to-morrow a joint resolution authorizing the President to invite the republic of Mexico and the republics of Central and South America to participate in the Panama-California exposition in 1916 at San Diego, Cal.

After getting up the resolution to elect Senators by direct popular vote, Senator Borah to-day sought to obtain unanimous consent to take action on the measure June 1. Senator Hayburn objected. Mr. Borah then objected to the usual three days' adjournment, and accordingly the Senate agreed to meet to-morrow.

Virginia and the Hotels.

Judge Fulton Kegley, of the Twenty-second Circuit, came to the city yesterday for a home visit. Judge Kegley is on his way to Washington, full of the possibilities of his mountain home, where much valuable timber will be sold, and the result of the coming of a railroad.

Judge Archer A. Phlegar, a former member of the Supreme Court, Appeals, is in Richmond on business.

Captain and Mrs. John R. Johnson, of Christiansburg, were at Murphy's last night.

A. H. Williams, of Wytheville, was in the city yesterday.

Richmond—Frank C. Brown, L. H. Mosman, Clifton Forge; W. A. Jameson, Mecklenburg; J. Y. Jamison, Petersburg; J. H. Dashiell, Norfolk; Dr. R. L. Higgins, Farmville; E. L. Field, Norfolk; W. J. Jeffrey, Arvonia; H. A. Tuglie, Farmville; C. E. Knight, Norfolk; J. H. Armstrong, Staunton; R. H. Estes, Lynchburg.

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place of business, walked to his residence across the street and died within a minute. A widow, one son and two sisters survive him.

John W. Bowers. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., May 15.—John W. Bowers, seventy-four years old, formerly a farmer of the New Election neighborhood, died Saturday at his home on North Main Street, where he lived for several years. Had he survived another day he would have been seventy-five years of age. He was born May 14, 1836. His first wife was Miss Caroline Burkholder, who died February 19, 1906, having been married June 17, 1857. Her surviving children are Mrs. J. W. Rhodes, of Roanoke; Mrs. J. A. Carter, of Clifton Forge; Mrs. Bowers, of Harrisonburg; Miss Bettie Bowers, of Roanoke; Miss Annie Mitchell, of Timberville, and J. C. Bowers, of Coatesville, Pa. His second wife was Mrs. Jane Hundley, the marriage having taken place on May 1, 1906. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at St. John's Church at 11 o'clock.

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